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What is the first thing you think of when you hear the words “eternal life”? \_\_\_\_\_

Most people think of eternal life as being a place called heaven where you go after you die. Many people and religions believe in the idea of eternal life consisting of a place somewhere out there that is far away and is only accessed after this life. There is indeed a place called heaven and life there will be eternal, however, the Bible teaches that it is not only a distant place but a present reality that will last forever. Eternal life is a state of being that can be obtained now.

According to the Bible, God says that eternal life is something we can have now, not just something that is in the future afterlife on this earth. John 3:36 (and John 6:47) says, “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.” Notice the present tense “has”. This is something that every believer in Jesus Christ has from the moment we trust Jesus and continues forever and ever. Understanding this truth has changed my life and has helped my understanding of what it means to have a personal relationship with God.

Let’s separate the two words “Eternal” & “Life” and define each word to see if we can get a better understanding of what it might mean when we combine them.

What do you think the word eternal actually means?

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The word eternal means never-ending, never stopping, everlasting, continual, and forever. Think of eternal as “quantity”. It is the day, after day, after day to which never ends; an infinite quantity of time.

What is the definition of life?

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The word Life defined in the Bible means the truest state of reality, opposite of death (separation from living), vitality (abundant blessing), animate (moveable), vigorous (active energy), strength under



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weakness, and full existence with meaning and purpose (Webster). Think of life as quality. It carries the idea of a quality of existence that is full of joyful meaning and happiness. Jesus said in John 10:10, “the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly”. The life that Jesus talks about is an abundant quality of living that is the truest state of being. “Abundantly” in John 10:10 means greater, beyond measure, over added, exceeding, more than is necessary. I would define Eternal Life as an eternal quantity of time consisting of an abundant quality of life.

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According to John 17:3, What is eternal life?

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Eternal life is knowing Jesus Christ who is God. Knowing God is having a personal relationship with him. The word for “know” in the original Greek language is a word used for intimacy or closeness. This word speaks of a personal relationship in which we know God and he knows us. Think of the person you are closest to here on this earth. You are close because you have a relationship with them. Whether it is your parent, spouse or your best friend, you are close because of your connection to them and theirs to you. Galatians 4:9 says that we are “known by God”. Eternal life is not just us knowing about God, but knowing him, and him knowing us. Knowing God is having a personal relationship with him. Amazingly, God desires this relationship with us.

What is the difference in knowing about someone and actually knowing them personally?

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There is a huge difference in knowing someone personally and knowing about someone. If I were to ask, “What do you know about PELE?” You would probably say something like, “HE WAS AN AMAZING FOOTBALL PLAYER FROM BRAZIL WHO MADE FOOTBALL POPULAR IN THE US”. If I said, “do you know PELE personally?” You would say, “no”! Why? Because he lives on the other side of the world and you have never even met him.

As I will talk more later about how to know God through trusting in Jesus, many people say they believe in God and even Jesus Christ, but when you ask them do they KNOW him personally, many people cannot answer that with a definite, “yes”. See, a lot of people believe in the existence of God and even the historical Jesus Christ, but yet do not know him.

True belief in Jesus Christ consists of no less than believing the facts of his historical existence, but in more. It is a personal faith and trust in the person of Christ and the work he completed on the cross as well his resurrection to life which makes eternal life possible. Eternal life is given to those who fully trust in Jesus with their heart and follow him as their Lord. Eternal life is an abundant quality of life that starts from the moment you come to know God personally through faith and continues in an infinite quantity of time. This



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relationship with God will continue even after we physically die in which we get to continue our relationship with God face to face in heaven and throughout eternity. Knowing God from the moment you put your trust in him as Lord and savior and throughout eternity is true life eternal. The benefit of heaven is getting to live in his presence and speak to him face to face, but we actually can come to know him now.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Why has God given us understanding according to 1 John 5:20?

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God wants us to understand that we can know him personally. He wants us to know that this reality is true. Where is true life found according to the following verses? Speaking of Jesus, John 1:4 says, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

Life is in \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 5:11

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Eternal Life is in \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

In 1 John 5:20, what two things does it say about who Jesus Christ is?

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus Christ is the only true God. There are many false made up gods, but he is the only true God. In Jesus is literal life that is eternal.

Biblical Eternal life also consists of the forever absence of the punishment, power, and one-day presence of sin and its consequence of eternal death (separation) from God.



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### 1 John 5:12

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

According to 1 John 5:12, who has life? \_\_\_\_\_

According to 1 John 5:12, who does not have life?  
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Do you have the son of God? \_\_\_\_\_

All of the scriptures from the previous pages reveal to us that true life which lasts forever is found in Jesus. If we have Jesus, then we have eternal life as well.

Can a person know that they have eternal life according to I John 5:13?  
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### 1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

According to I John 5:13, how can you be sure that you have eternal life? What do you need to do?  
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If you believe (trust) in Jesus (the Son of God) you can know God and be certain that you have eternal life. You can also be sure that you will go to heaven when you die because having a relationship with God does not end even when our body dies. Remember, this abundant life through Jesus never ends. Despite our sins, Jesus was willing to come and make a way for us to know him. He did this by living a perfect life, dying on the cross for our sins and rising from death. He took the shame and punishment for our sin (rebellion) so that we could come into a relationship with God.

1 Peter 3:18 says, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,".

**Would you like to know God?**



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## SIN SEPARATES

Isaiah 59:2

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.”

As we learned in the last section, eternal life is knowing God, and knowing God is having a personal relationship with him. God created human beings for relationships and had a perfect relationship with the first two people he created whose names were Adam and Eve. When God created everything, in the beginning, he created everything perfect. Everything was perfect including Adam and Eve. They were created sinless and knew nothing of sin, shame, death, decay, violence or sickness. None of those things are in God, and Adam & Eve were in perfect relationship with God. They had a perfect relationship with God until something happened, sin. After they sinned, their relationship was broken, and their perfect relationship was hindered (broken). In Genesis 2:16-17 God said, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Ezekiel 18:4

“The soul who sins shall die”.

Death in the Bible is defined as the absence of life, separation of soul (spirit) and body, misery of the soul, separation from physical life on earth, the punishment of spirit and body in hell. The best word to define death is separation. This includes physical separation - which is being cut off from life on this earth and everything in the physical realm, and spiritual separation - which is literal separation from a relationship with God and life in heaven. Spiritual death also includes being condemned to eternal shame, punishment, and separation from God in hell and ultimately the lake of fire (Revelation 20).

Before Adam and Eve sinned God came down, walked and talked with Adam and Eve face to face each day. After they sinned, God’s physical presence went away, and Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden. They were separated from God in a relationship. God told Adam & Eve that death would come if they disobeyed his command to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2). They disobeyed and ate and therefore what God said would happen, happened, they died. Of course, they did not die physically right there on the spot, but the curse of spiritual death passed to them immediately. They and all of creation began to deteriorate and die. Spiritually inside there was suddenly a separation in their relationship with God. Eventually, physical separation from a life passed to both of them as God said it would and they died (Genesis 5:5). After they sinned there was suddenly shame and then blame, and they even hid from the “presence of God” (Genesis 3:8). Their intimate knowledge of God was hindered. There was a separation from the greatest thing they possessed, knowing God in a perfect relationship.



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## Is Sin Really That Bad?

Isaiah 59:2

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.”

In the above verse, what makes a separation between us and God?

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Iniquity is the guilt of sin. When we have sinned or broken God’s laws, then we are guilty of dishonoring him. This guilt puts a separation between us and God.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To understand what Romans 6:23 means, we must first understand the meaning of these two words; wages & sin.

Let’s start with the word sin first. Sin means to miss the mark, to fall short, to error, to dishonor, disobey God’s laws, or to make a mistake. It is to not be perfect or right all the time. It involves rebellion.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

You see God is perfect, holy (set apart from sin), and righteous (right all the time). When we do things that violate who he is (his glory), and disobey his perfect requirements, then we have missed his mark and “fallen short” of his glory (HONORING HIM AS LORD). God by his very nature (holiness) cannot be united to sin or anyone who has sin in them. When we sin, we are rebelling against God’s Kingly rule over us and trying to be our kings.

The word “wage” means charge or payment. The word is used of a soldier’s wages (payment) received for his military work. Think of minimum wage which the minimum a business can pay their employees per hour for the work they complete. A wage is something received as a result of a work completed. Well, sin has a wage as well. The payment given to one whose work is sin gets the wage of sin which is death. Death is separation from life, which remember is in Jesus. Therefore, where there is no life, then there is the absence of God who is the source of life. Wherever God is, there is always life. Wherever God is not, there is always death.



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## Why Does Sin Separate us from God?

Remember in section 1 we learned that Jesus is the source of life (John 1:4, I John 5:11). There is no life apart from God. Look at the verse below and write the 3 things it says we have in God.

Acts 17:28

In him we live and move and have our being

In him (God) we.....

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

We live, move and have our very being and existence in God alone. God is the only source of life. Notice, we cannot even move apart from God giving us the ability to do so. Since Jesus = Life, then the absence of Life, which is death, is the absence of Jesus (God). So, death, therefore, is the absence of God. Speaking of the wages that God pays those who do not trust in Jesus in the final judgment,

II Thessalonians 1:8-9 says, "in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might".

Being away from the presence of God is spiritual death and is the worst torment someone could receive. Being away from the Lord is the worst part of the torment of hell (eternal death).

In the previous verses 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, what were 3 things it says unbelievers in Christ will suffer in a flaming fire?

- 1- "Punishment of Eternal \_\_\_\_\_"
- 2- "Away from the presence \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3- "And away from the glory \_\_\_\_\_"

You see, the worst suffering in hell is being away from God's "presence" and "might" (saving power).

According to the previous verses, why did these people suffer?

"in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance"....

- 1- "On those who do not \_\_\_\_\_"
- 2- "On those who do not \_\_\_\_\_". These unbelievers in Jesus suffer because they do not know God. You see, eternal life comes from knowing God (John 17:3) and obeying his gospel (good news).



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What do you think it means to obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

We will define the gospel in more detail in a later section, but for now, read the following verses to see what it means to obey the gospel.

I Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

I John 3:23

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life.

To obey the gospel is to believe (put your trust in) and “hold fast” (depend continually) on the person and work of Jesus. It is to trust that his perfect life was sufficient to meet the demands of God’s righteous standard. It is to depend on his death and resurrection and believe his work in doing this was sufficient to bring us back to God.

Remember, Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Jesus Christ took the wage or payment for our sin, which is death. He died on the cross and was separated from God the Father in our place. Then he rose and defeated death so we no longer have to be separated from God.





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I Peter 3:18 says,  
“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,”.

Jesus the righteous, substituted himself for us (the unrighteous) so that we could come into a relationship with God.

To obey the gospel is to believe and trust in the person of Jesus and the work he did to save us. Remember, a wage is something that is given as payment for work that is done. Jesus put Himself in our place as if he did the work of sin, even though he did not sin, and took the payment that we deserve for our bad works and was separated from God the Father in our place. He rose three days later and defeated death, and now offers eternal life to all who will believe and trust in him. Obeying the gospel is trusting or relying upon Jesus completed work. He took all the payments so that you don't have to take it. All you have to do is receive his righteousness (a good honorable record) by putting your trust in Jesus only.

### Why does everyone die?

Romans 5:12  
Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

According to the above verse, who did death come through?  
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Who has death spread to? \_\_\_\_\_

Why has death spread to all people? \_\_\_\_\_

### Has everyone sinned?

Romans 3:23  
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

According to the above verse, who has sinned?  
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We see that God's word says, "all have sinned". You might say, "I really don't think I am all that bad, I am a good person". "Do I really deserve to be separated from God?"

**\*Next we will see that all of us deserve to be separated from God because all of us have dishonored God and have broken his laws.**



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### Galatians 3:10

“For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.’”

In the previous section we learned that sin separates us from God. We also learned that God says we have all sinned and therefore all are separated from God.

In the above verse, those who do not abide by all things written in the book of what are cursed?

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Galatians 3:10 says not obeying everything in God’s law brings the curse. Death and separation from God are the “curse” in the above verse. Our relationship with God is separated because of our sin. Now, you might think that you are not really that bad and even think that you don’t understand why you deserve to be separated from God.

The above verse says, “everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law” has been cursed. Again, this curse is death (shame & separation). If we have broken even one commandment, then we are guilty of sin and are separated from God.

Now we need to understand what law the verse above is talking about so that we can understand why the curse of death or separation has been passed to all who don’t obey the law perfectly. We also need to understand that trying to obey the law also brings the curse because none of us can or have the ability to keep it all the time.

In the Old Testament (First part of the Bible) God gave two groups of laws to a man named Moses. God has revealed these commands to us through his word called the Bible. The two groups of laws were; 1- the moral law (Ten Commandments) and 2- the ceremonial law (sacrifices and ceremonies).

The question is, why did God give these laws if we cannot get a relationship with God by obeying them? The answer is found in the following verses. We first look at the purpose of the moral law and then in a later chapter we will see how the ceremonial law points to Jesus and is completed in him.



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## Purpose of God's Law

Romans 3:19-20

19-Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20-For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

In verse 20 above, it says, "through the law comes the knowledge of" what?

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This is specifically talking about the moral law (Ten Commandments). When you look at the Ten Commandments you see what is right and wrong according to God's standard and what dishonors God. When you read these commandments, you come to know what sin is (you know what is right and wrong). Remember, before we learned that sin is missing the mark, or not abiding by God's standards. We see by looking at the commandments what sin is when the laws are not kept, and we are supposed to realize that we cannot meet this standard on our own. Jesus met the standard for us. That is why the verse says, "through the law comes the "knowledge of sin".

### Mirror

The purpose of God's law is to reveal what the standard is, but we can never live up to the standard on our own. Think of the law as being like a mirror. A mirror reflects whatever is in front of it. It just exposes whatever is in front of it, good or bad. It reveals what is there. If I stand in front of the mirror after playing football out in the mud, the mirror will reveal to me that I am dirty. It exposes what is there. So, just as a mirror reflects whatever is in front of it, the law of God reflects the heart of those who look into it. When we see what God's standard of right and wrong is, and we see that we have not obeyed all of them all the time, then we see that we have dishonored him and missed the mark of honoring him as our King. We have "fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

### X-ray

The law of God is like an x-ray machine. It reveals things as well. An x-ray reveals what is in our bodies. A few years ago, I broke my left pinky finger from a ladder that was extended out and then suddenly shut on my hand. I went to the hospital and the doctors sent me to the x-ray room. I had an x-ray technician put my entire arm under an x-ray machine and take pictures of my bones to see exactly what was wrong with my finger. They saw that my pinky bone near my hand was broken completely in half and my knuckle was completely dislocated from the bone in front of that. The x-ray revealed what was broken and what was wrong, but it did not fix anything.

The law of God is like an x-ray, it reveals what is wrong with our hearts. It reveals God's righteous standard of perfection and how we have rebelled against God's Kingship, but it does not fix our problem. It gives us the "knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). We will see later that Jesus obeyed all these commands and did everything honorable that we could not do. Jesus is the one who fixes our problem of sin. We need to first realize we are a sinner before we can ever understand we need Jesus to be our Lord and Savior.



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## The Test

“God has come to test you” – Exodus 20:20

Look at the Ten Commandments below and see if you can pass the test to see if you live up to God’s standard of perfection (righteousness) and if you always honor him. Put a checkmark beside each one of the laws below that you have broken or not obeyed.

(Exodus 20:2-17)

\_\_\_ 1) You shall have no other gods except me

[Have you ever trusted in, loved, or valued anything more than you have God?]

\_\_\_ 2) You shall not make a graven image [Have you ever honored prayed to or worshipped an image or idol? Have you had material things that you believe will give you happiness apart from God?]

\_\_\_ 3) You shall not take God’s name in vain

[Have you ever said God’s name flippantly, or promised in God’s name you would do something and then not done it?]

\_\_\_ 4) Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy

[This is part of the ceremonial holidays that point to Jesus being our rest in God. Are you resting in Jesus, or do you believe your good works will satisfy God and bring you all your needs?]

\_\_\_ 5) Honor your father and mother

[Have you always obeyed, respected, and honored your parents or the authority that God has placed over you to take care of you?]

\_\_\_ 6) You shall not murder

[Have you ever taken someone else’s life? Have you ever had hatred or anger towards someone in your heart? (Jesus calls hatred murder in Matthew 5:21-22).]

\_\_\_ 7) You shall not commit adultery

[Have you had sexual contact with a person you are not married to? Have you lusted (looked at pornography, dwelled on sexual thoughts about another person or looked with lust? (Jesus calls lust in the mind adultery in Matthew 5:23-25).]

\_\_\_ 8) You shall not steal

[Have you ever taken anything that is not yours? Have you cheated on a test or stolen someone else’s homework answer?]

\_\_\_ 9) You shall not lie

[Have you ever told somebody something that is not true or deceived anyone into believing something that is not true?]

\_\_\_ 10) You shall not covet [Have you ever been jealous or desired someone else’s things for yourself?]



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Have you always kept or obeyed all the things written in the law of God?

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Remember, Galatians 3:10 says, “cursed is everyone who does not continue to abide by everything written in the book of the law.” This reveals like a mirror or an x-ray that our hearts are broken and sinful. It shows we have dishonored God and chosen to be our rulers sometimes. If we have broken any of these laws we are sinners and in need of a savior. The curse of death has passed to all of us.

James 2:10 & 11

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

According to the above verses, how many laws of God have to be disobeyed for us to be accountable to God and proclaim us guilty of sin and dishonorable?

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You see, just like Adam and Eve, anyone of us that has even broken just one law of God is guilty of sin and deserves separation from God. Because there is no sin in God, then he has to separate us from himself because he cannot be united to sin. Therefore, because God cannot be united to sin, then he has to separate himself from us because we have sinned. Sin is ultimately rebellion against the authority of God’s kingship over our lives and our desire to be our kings. You cannot be loyal to 2 opposing kingdoms. We must choose to honor and follow God as our king, or we will choose ourselves. But praise God he made a way for Jesus to pay for our sin and to take the separation we deserve. That is where the good news comes that we will talk about in the next section.



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## Jesus Restores Relationship

I Peter 3:18

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit”.

Because all of us have sinned, all of us are now spiritually and relationally separated from God as well. God does not want to be separated from us and that is why Jesus came to make a way for our relationship to be restored.

Now that we have established that we are all sinners and are relationally separated from God due to the curse, we must then wonder, what is the way to have our relationship restored with God?

According to I Peter 3:18 above, why did Christ suffer and die? \_\_\_\_\_. According to the scriptures, Christ died to bring us to God.

Many people conclude that since we are not perfect and are separated from God because of our sin, then we must get better or clean up our lives. Many believe we need to try harder and obey God’s laws more and stop sinning. Some believe we need to become more religious and more devoted to living good lives.

Galatians 3:10

“For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them’.”

According to the above verse, those who rely on what are under the curse?

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So, those who don’t obey the laws are under the curse of death and those who rely on obeying the law by trying harder are still under the curse because they are unable to obey them all the time.

Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

What do you think it means to be justified in the above verse?

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\*To be justified means to be declared righteous (honorable) or declared not guilty (shameful).



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Can anyone be justified by obeying God's law according to Romans 3:20?

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Why do you think we cannot be justified by obeying the law?

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Remember James 2:10 says that, "whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it." God's standard of righteousness is not being pretty good or just trying to have more good deeds than bad ones. His standard is wrapped in his character. He is righteous, perfect, and holy; therefore, his standard is also perfect righteousness. He wants us to fully submit to Him as King and to fully love him.

How many sins did Adam & Eve commit that separated them from God (Read Genesis 3)?

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Only one sin separated Adam and Eve from God. As we saw before, God cannot be united to sin at all, no matter how large or little we think it is. That is why James 2:10 says if we break one, we have "become accountable for it all".

Think about it this way, if you had a perfectly pure white bowl of paint and you dropped one tiny drop of the green, blue, or red into that bowl. It would slightly taint that paint and it would no longer be pure white. God is perfectly pure, sinless, and righteous. If he were to be united to sin at all it would taint him and he would no longer be perfect. The law ultimately reveals who we desire to be king of our lives, and that is ourselves.

Therefore, sin has to be completely dealt with and taken away from us for our relationship to be restored with him. That is what Jesus did. He dealt with our sin through his death on the cross and completely takes it away when we put our faith in Him.



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## REVIEW: Why God's Law?

So, the question is, if we cannot be restored into relationship with God through obeying the law, then why did God give us his law?

Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

As we looked at in the previous section, what does the above verse say is the purpose of God's law?

So, God's law is to reveal what sin is and what is wrong with us, but it does not take away the sin or restore us to God. It does not fix our problem, but it shows us we have a problem. It shows our dishonor of God.

Think about the two examples I gave in the last chapter when explaining the purpose of God's law. The two examples were a mirror and an x-ray. What is the purpose of a mirror? A mirror's purpose is to expose or reflect what is in front of it. It cannot change the object in front of it; it is a perfect reflection of what is there. If I just played football in the mud and came inside the bathroom to clean up, I might look into the mirror to see how dirty I had gotten. I would see my filth, but I would not rip the mirror off the wall and try to clean myself with it. If I tried wiping the mud off of my face with the mirror, I would just smear the mirror and my face, and it would not clean me. That is like God's law, it exposes the filth of sin in our hearts, but it cannot clean us up. It cannot bring forgiveness or take the sin away.

Think about the x-ray machine as well. The x-ray exposes what is wrong with the body, but it does not fix the problem. As I mentioned in chapter 3 when I broke my pinky finger I had to get some x-rays to see what all was wrong with my finger and see what all needed to be fixed. After seeing that I had broken the bone in half, dislocated the knuckle and flipped the bone around inside my finger, the doctor realized I needed surgery to fix it. The x-ray machine or even the person controlling the x-ray machine did not fix my broken finger, the surgeon did. You see the x-ray could not fix me because that was not its purpose. Its purpose was to show what was wrong. Just like the x-ray revealed what I had broken, God's laws show us that our hearts are broken when we disobey God. Trying to fix our sin problem cannot be done through obedience to God's law because that was not its purpose. Not only is it not its purpose, but it is also impossible to be made right with God through obeying it because none of us can obey it completely all the time. This is what Jesus came to do in our place when he lived his perfect life.

Before we can be saved from our sin, we must first understand that we have sinned. Trusting in Jesus to be your savior means nothing without you first realize that you need a savior. You must understand your need for a savior before you will understand why Jesus came to earth.

Think about a person who is swimming and begins to get a cramp and then starts to drown. The person must recognize they are drowning before they will ever call out for a lifeguard to rescue them. They will do everything they can on their own before they will trust anyone else to save them. The same is true for us spiritually; we first must realize we are drowning in our sin before we realize our need for Jesus to rescue us. And that is the purpose of the law, to reveal that we have sinned and need a savior.





And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
-John 17:3



The word Gospel means “good news”. We watch the news all the time to see what is going in our neighborhoods, in our cities, and all around the world. Most of the news these days is not very good. The word for the gospel in the scripture is talking specifically about the ultimate good news of Jesus and what he has done.

Let’s just say I am an amazing scientist and I have been working with some chemists, medical doctors, and even nutritionists and we came up with the cure for cancer in a little small pill. Anyone would say that is gospel (and it would be if that were true). Now let’s call this pill the “Gos-pill” for sake of illustration. Let’s say I go to all the hospitals and start to spread the word that this Gos-pill will cure them of their cancer, I give out samples and people are cured immediately. This would be GOOD NEWS for all those sick patients and their families. Now let’s say I shared with them that the pill (the Gos-pill) is not only the cure to their disease, but it would be available to them free of charge. They would not have to pay one penny for it because a very wealthy donor agreed to cover the price of the Gos- pill for all who were willing to receive it. That would be GOOD NEWS, it would be OUTSTANDING NEWS. We would call this gospel, good news that should be proclaimed to the whole world. Well, unfortunately, we do not have a cure for cancer yet. However, I have some GOOD NEWS, amazing news, we have the cure for the deadliest disease known to mankind, and that deadly disease is a spiritual disease called sin. Sin is like spiritual cancer that has infected every living person on the face of the earth. When left to itself, this disease of sin will lead to eternal death and separation from God for all of eternity. But praise be to God, we have the spiritual “Gos-pill” and it is free to us. It did not come to us without a price, it came at a great price. The death of God through the person of Jesus.

Romans 1:16&17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”



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-John 17:3

## What is the Gospel (Good News)?

The Gospel is summed up in 2 hope filled truths:

- 1- **Who Jesus is - GOD THE SON** (Jesus is God in human flesh. God's glory (likeness) is revealed in the face of Jesus. Jesus should be honored in our hearts as Lord God).
- 2- **What God did - EVERYTHING** (God put forth Jesus to substitute his perfect life, death and resurrection to cure us from our spiritual disease of sin).
- 3- **What we do – TRUST IN GOD AND WHAT HE DID** (Accept, by faith, Jesus and his substitution on our behalf without price. It is a gift, not a loan that we have to pay back). This is good news. We don't have to do anything but accept this free gift by faith.

In Romans 1:1 the Apostle Paul says, he was set apart for the "gospel of God", and then in verse 3 he says this gospel is "concerning his Son" Jesus. Jesus proved who he claimed to be (God the Son) and his power through rising from the dead after being crucified (nailed to the cross) 3 days earlier. The gospel is all about Jesus. When you hear the word gospel you should always think Jesus. JESUS=GOSPEL & GOSPEL=JESUS. Notice Romans 1:1 says Paul was set apart for the "gospel of God". Jesus is God and this Gospel is of him, from him, and about him. It concerns him (Romans 1:3). Jesus is the Gospel. The gospel is all about who Jesus is and what he did for us to bring us into a perfect relationship with God. The gospel is also good news that all we have to do trust in Jesus and what he did.



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-John 17:3

## 1 – (Gospel) Who Jesus is: GOD THE SON

<p><b>2 Corinthians 4:3-6</b> English Standard Version (ESV)</p> <p>3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.</p> <p>5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants<sup>[a]</sup> for Jesus' sake.</p> <p>6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>Footnotes:</b> a. 2 Corinthians 4:5 Or slaves (for</p>	<p><b>2 कोरिन्थी 4:3-6</b> Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</p> <p>3 हामीले प्रचार गरेको सुसमाचार लुकेको होला तर यो तिनीहरूकै लागि लुकेको हो जो अन्तर्लिपिका छन्। 4 यस संसारको शासनकर्ता जसले विश्वास गर्दैनन् ती मानिसहरूको मन अन्धा बनाइदिएको छ। यसर्थ तिनीहरूले ख्रीष्टको महिमाको सुसमाचारको प्रकाश देख्न सक्तैनन्। ख्रीष्ट नै एक हुनुहुन्छ जो एकदमै परमेश्वर जस्तै हुनुहुन्छ। 5 हामी आफ्नो बारेमा प्रचार गर्दौं। तर हामी येशू ख्रीष्ट प्रभु हुनुहुन्छ भन्ने सत्य कुरा प्रचार गर्छौं। अनि हामी प्रचार गर्छौं कि येशूको निम्ति हामी तिमीहरूका सेवक हौं। 6 परमेश्वरले एक पल्ट भन्नु भएको थियो, "अन्धकारबाट ज्योति चम्किने छ!" अनि उहाँ तिनै परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ जसले हाम्रो हृदयमा आफ्नो ज्योति प्रकाशित हुन दिनुभयो। ख्रीष्टको अनुहारमा परमेश्वरको महिमा झल्काएर उहाँले हामीलाई प्रकाश दिनु भयो।</p>	<p><b>2 ਕਰਿੰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ 4:3-6</b> Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</p> <p>3 ਉਹ ਖੁਸ਼ਖਬਰੀ ਜਿਸਦਾ ਅਸੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਲੁਕੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਪਰ ਇਹ ਸਿਰਫ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਛੁਪੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਗੁਮਾਚੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ। 4 ਇਸ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਲਕ [a] ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਨ੍ਹਾ ਬਣਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਹੜੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ। ਉਹ ਖੁਸ਼ਖਬਰੀ ਦੀ ਰੋਸ਼ਨੀ, ਮਸੀਹ ਦੀ ਮਹਿਮਾ ਦੀ ਖੁਸ਼ਖਬਰੀ ਨੂੰ, ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇਖ ਸਕਦੇ। ਸਿਰਫ ਮਸੀਹ ਹੀ ਹੈ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਹੁ-ਬ-ਹੂ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਵਰਗਾ ਹੈ। 5 ਅਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ। ਪਰੰਤੂ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਜਿਸੁ ਮਸੀਹ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਹੈ। ਅਤੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਜਿਸੁ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰ ਹਾਂ। 6 ਇੱਕ ਵਾਰੀ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨੇ ਆਖਿਆ ਸੀ, "ਚਾਨਣ ਨੂੰ ਹਨੇਰੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਚਮਕਣ ਦਿਉ।" ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਓਹੀ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਹੈ ਜਿਸਨੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਹਿਰਦਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਜੋਤ ਜਗਾਈ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਨੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਦੀ ਮਹਿਮਾ ਤੋਂ ਜਾਣੂ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਿਹੜੀ ਮਸੀਹ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤਾ।</p>	<p><b>2 ਕुरਿੰਥੀਯੋਂ 4:3-6</b> Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</p> <p>3 जिस सुसमाचार का हम प्रचार करते हैं, उस पर यदि कोई पर्दा पड़ा है तो यह केवल उनके लिये पड़ा है, जो विनाशा की राह पर चल रहे हैं। 4 इस युग के स्वामी (शैतान) ने इन अविश्वासियों की बुद्धि को अंधा कर दिया है ताकि वे परमेश्वर के साक्षात् प्रतिरूप मसीह की महिमा के सुसमाचार से फूट रहे प्रकाश को न देख पायें। 5 हम स्वयं अपना प्रचार नहीं करते बल्कि प्रभु के रूप में मसीह यीशु का उपदेश देते हैं। और अपने बारे में तो यही कहते हैं कि हम यीशु के नाते तुम्हारे सेवक हैं। 6 क्योंकि उसी परमेश्वर ने, जिसने कहा था, "अंधकार से ही प्रकाश चमकेगा" वही हमारे हृदयों में प्रकाशित हुआ है, ताकि हमें यीशु मसीह के व्यक्तित्व में परमेश्वर की महिमा के ज्ञान की ज्योति मिल सके।</p> <p><b>Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</b></p>
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### 1. What has the “god of this world” (the Devil) blinded people from seeing according to 2 Corinthians 4:3-4?

“The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_, who is the IMAGE OF GOD”.

JESUS IS THE IMAGE (HUMAN LIKENESS) OF GOD. Part of the good news is that Jesus is God in human form.

### 2. According to the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:5, what do they proclaim about Jesus?

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as \_\_\_\_\_”.

So, part of the good news (gospel) proclaimed is that Jesus Christ is Lord (God). The word Lord in Greek is “kurios” which is the Greek translation of the Old Testament word for Yahweh or Jehovah. We should Honor Jesus Christ as Lord with the Father. Jesus has the same “glory” as the Father.

### 3. According to 2 Corinthians 4:6, what has God shown in our hearts?



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-John 17:3

“God who said, let ‘light shine out of darkness’ has shone in our hearts to give the  
\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST”.

God has shone (revealed) to us that all the glory of God is found in Jesus. God’s glory means all his fullness and the full weight of everything that he is and should be given credit for is all wrapped up in his glory. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”. (Colossians 1:19) If we want to know God, then we have to know Jesus.

### Paul’s Assumption When Claiming Jesus is LORD

*(Paul Assumes That We Know that the LORD [Yahweh/Jehovah] is One God in 3 Persons -Father, Son/Jesus, and Holy Spirit)*

The LORD (Yahweh) of the Old Testament claimed to be the only God and Savior. We must not just confess that Jesus is a god among many gods, but that he is the only true God (Yahweh).

Scriptures below are from the Old Testament where the LORD claims he is the only God and demands that we Honor him and only him as God.

<p><b>Exodus 20:1-5</b> English Standard Version (ESV)</p> <p><b>The Ten Commandments</b></p> <p><b>20</b> And God spoke all these words, saying,</p> <p>2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.</p> <p>3 “You shall have no other gods before<sup>a</sup> me.</p> <p>4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.</p> <p>5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,</p>	<p><b>प्रस्थान 20:1-5</b> Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</p> <p><b>दश आज्ञाहरू</b></p> <p><b>20</b> तब परमप्रभुले भन्नुभयो,</p> <p>2 “म परमप्रभु तिमीहरूको परमेश्वर हुँ। मैले तिमीहरूलाई सिन्धु देशबाट बाहिर ल्याएँ जहाँ तिमीहरू कमारीहरू थियो।</p> <p>3 “तिमीहरूले सबाहेक अरु कुनै देवता पूज्नु हुँदैन।</p> <p>4 “तिमीहरूले कुनै मूर्ति बनाउनु हुँदैन। कुनै प्रकारको मूर्ति अथवा नक्सा नबनाऊ जो आकाशमा अथवा तल पृथ्वीमाथि, पृथ्वी मुनि पानीमा छ। 5 कुनै पनि प्रकारको मूर्ति त्यस्तो प्रतिरूपको पूजा नगर र त्यसको अगाडी ननिहुर। म परमप्रभु तिमीहरूका परमेश्वर हुँ। म मेरा मानिसहरूले अरु देवताहरूको पूजा गरेको घृणा गर्छु। यदि कसैले मलाई घृणा गर्छ भने, तिनीहरूका सन्तानहरू, नाती-नातिनाहरूलाई म तिनीहरूको अपराधका निम्ति जिम्मेवार ठहार्नेछु।</p> <p><b>Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</b></p>	<p><b>बुच 20:1-5</b> Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</p> <p><b>ਦਸ ਹੁਕਮ</b></p> <p><b>20</b> ਤਾਂ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨੇ ਆਖਿਆ,</p> <p>2 “ਮੈਂ ਯਹੋਵਾਹ ਹਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਡਾ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ। ਮੈਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਮਿਸਰ ਦੀ ਧਰਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਲਿਆਂਦਾ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਗੁਲਾਮ ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਹੁਕਮ ਮੰਨਣੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ ਹਨ;</p> <p>3 “ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਦੇਵਤੇ ਦੀ ਉਪਾਸਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ।</p> <p>4 “ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਬੁੱਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਬਣਾਉਣੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ। ਅਕਾਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਂ ਧਰਤੀ ਉੱਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਪਾਣੀ ਅੰਦਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਚੀਜ਼ ਦੇ ਬੁੱਤ ਜਾਂ ਤਸਵੀਰਾਂ ਨਾ ਬਣਾਓ। 5 ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਬੁੱਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਉਪਾਸਨਾ ਜਾਂ ਸੇਵਾ ਨਾ ਕਰੋ। ਕਿਉਂ? ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਮੈਂ, ਯਹੋਵਾਹ, ਤੁਹਾਡਾ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਹਾਂ। ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਰਨਾਂ ਦੇਵਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਉਪਾਸਨਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਦੇਖਕੇ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਜਿਹੜੇ ਲੋਕ ਮੇਰੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ਼ ਪਾਪ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਉਹ ਮੇਰੇ ਦੁਸ਼ਮਣ ਬਣ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਅਤੇ ਮੈਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਦਿਆਂਗਾ। ਅਤੇ ਮੈਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੁੱਤਾਂ ਪੋਤਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੜਪੋਤਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਦਿਆਂਗਾ।</p>	<p><b>निर्गमन 20:1-5</b> Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</p> <p><b>दस आदेश</b></p> <p><b>20</b> तब परमेश्वर ने ये बातें कहीं,</p> <p>2 “मैं तुम्हारा परमेश्वर यही हूँ। मैं तुम्हें सिन्धु देश से बाहर लाया। मैंने तुम्हें दासता से मुक्त किया। इसलिए तुम्हें निश्चय ही इन आदेशों का पालन करना चाहिए।</p> <p>3 “तुम्हें मेरे अतिरिक्त किसी अन्य देवता को, नहीं मानना चाहिए।</p> <p>4 “तुम्हें कोई भी मूर्ति नहीं बनानी चाहिए। किसी भी उस चीज़ की आकृति मत बनाओ जो ऊपर आकाश में या नीचे धरती पर अथवा धरती के नीचे पानी में हो। 5 किसी भी प्रकार की मूर्ति की पूजा मत करो, उसके आगे मत झुको। क्यों? क्योंकि मैं तुम्हारा परमेश्वर यही हूँ। मेरे लोग जो दूसरे देवताओं की पूजा करते हैं मैं उनसे घृणा करता हूँ। यदि कोई व्यक्ति मेरे विरुद्ध पाप करता है तो मैं उसका शत्रु हो जाता हूँ। मैं उस व्यक्ति की सन्तानों की तीसरी और चौथी पीढ़ी तक को दण्ड दूँगा।</p>
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And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

-John 17:3

<p><b>Isaiah 45:5</b> English Standard Version (ESV)</p> <p>5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me,</p> <p><b>English Standard Version (ESV)</b></p>	<p><b>यशैया 45:5</b> Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</p> <p>5 म परमप्रभु हुँ, म मात्र परमेश्वर हुँ। म बाहेक अरु परमेश्वर छैन। मैले तिमीलाई बलसँगै लुगा लगाइदिँ। तर अझै तिमी मलाई बुझ्दैनौ।</p> <p><b>Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</b> 2010 by World Bible Translation Center</p>	<p><b>ਯਸਾਯਾਹ 45:5</b> Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</p> <p>5 ਮੈਂ ਯਹੋਵਾਹ ਹਾਂ। ਮੈਂ ਹੀ ਇੱਕ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਹਾਂ। ਇੱਥੇ ਹੋਰ ਕੋਈ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਤੇਰੇ ਤਾਕਤਵਰ ਬਣਾਵਾਂਗਾ, ਭਾਵੇਂ ਤੂੰ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਣਦਾ।</p> <p><b>Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</b> 2010 by World Bible Translation Center</p>	<p><b>यशायाह 45:5</b> Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</p> <p>5 मैं यहोवा हूँ। मैं ही मात्र एक परमेश्वर हूँ। मेरे सिवा दूसरा कोई परमेश्वर नहीं है। मैं तुझे तेरा कमरबन्ध पहनाता हूँ, किन्तु फिर भी तू मुझको नहीं पहचानता है।</p> <p><b>Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</b> 2010 by World Bible Translation Center</p>
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**There is No God but the LORD (Yahweh/Jehovah)**

<p><b>Isaiah 43:10-11</b> English Standard Version (ESV)</p> <p>10 “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.</p> <p>11 I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.</p>	<p><b>यशैया 43:10-11</b> Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</p> <p>10 परमप्रभु भन्नुहुन्छ, “तिमीहरू मेरो साक्षी हो। मैले चुनेका दास तिमी हो। मैले तिमीहरूलाई छाने ताकि तिमीहरूले मानिसहरूलाई मप्रति विश्वस्त पार्नलाई सहयोग गर। मैले तिमीहरूलाई छाने ताकि तिमीहरूले बुझ्नु पर्छ कि ‘म नै उही हुँ’ म नै साँचो परमेश्वर हुँ। मभन्दा पहिल्यै त्यहाँ कोही पनि परमेश्वर थिएन अनि म पश्चात पनि कोही परमेश्वर हुने छैन। 11 म हुँ, म नै परमप्रभु हुँ। मबाहेक अरु कोही पनि मुक्तिदाता छैन।</p> <p><b>Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</b> 2010 by World Bible Translation Center</p>	<p><b>ਯਸਾਯਾਹ 43:10-11</b> Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</p> <p>10 ਯਹੋਵਾਹ ਆਖਦਾ ਹੈ, “ਤੁਸੀਂ ਲੋਕ ਮੇਰੇ ਗਵਾਹ ਹੋ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਹੀ ਉਹ ਸੇਵਕ ਹੋ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੈਂ ਚੋਣ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਚੁਣਿਆ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੇਰੇ ਉੱਪਰ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰ ਸਕੋ। ਮੈਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਚੁਣਿਆ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਮਝ ਸਕੋ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਉਹ ਹਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਹੀ ਸੱਚਾ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰੇ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਕੋਈ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ। ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਤੋਂ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। 11 ਮੈਂ ਖੁਦ ਹੀ ਯਹੋਵਾਹ ਹਾਂ। ਅਤੇ ਇੱਥੇ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਰੱਖਿਅਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਇੱਕੋ ਇੱਕ ਮੈਂ ਹੀ ਹਾਂ।</p> <p><b>Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</b> 2010 by World Bible Translation Center</p>	<p><b>यशायाह 43:10-11</b> Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</p> <p>10 यहोवा कहता है, “तुम ही लोग तो मेरे साक्षी हो। तू मेरा वह सेवक है जिसे मैंने चुना है। मैंने तुझे इसलिए चुना है ताकि तू समझ ले कि ‘वह मैं ही हूँ’ और मुझ में विश्वास करे। मैं सच्चा परमेश्वर हूँ। मुझसे पहले कोई परमेश्वर नहीं था और मेरे बाद भी कोई परमेश्वर नहीं होगा। 11 मैं स्वयं ही यहोवा हूँ। मेरे अतिरिक्त और कोई दूसरा उद्धारकर्ता नहीं है, बस केवल मैं ही हूँ।</p> <p><b>Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</b> 2010 by World Bible Translation Center</p>
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<sup>10</sup>මම ඒ තැනත්වහන්සේ බව තුමුලා දැනගත මා විශ්වාසකර තේරුම්ගන්න පිණිස, තුමුලා මාගේ සාක්ෂිකාරයෝව, මා විසින් තෝරාගත් මාගේ මෙහෙකරුවෝව සිටින්නන්ගේ ස්වාමීන්වහන්සේ කියනසේක. මා සිටිනට පළමුවෙන් කිසි දෙවිකෙනෙක් සාදනු ලැබුවේ නැත, මට පසුව සිටින්නෙක් නැත. <sup>11</sup>මම, මමම, ස්වාමීන්වහන්සේය; මා ඇර වෙන ගැලවුම්කාරයෙක් නැත.





And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

-John 17:3

<p><b>Isaiah 45:22</b> English Standard Version (ESV)</p> <p>22 “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.</p> <p><b>English Standard Version (ESV)</b></p>	<p><b>यशैया 45:22</b> Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</p> <p>22 टाढामा भएका सारा मानिसहरूले ती झूटा देवताहरू पछ्याउन छोड्नु पर्छ। तिमीहरूले मलाई पछ्याउनु पर्छ र बाँच्ने छौ। म परमेश्वर हुँ। त्यहाँ अन्य देवता छैन। म परमेश्वर हुँ।</p> <p><b>Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</b></p>	<p><b>ਜਸਾਯਾਹ 45:22</b> Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</p> <p>22 ਦੂਰ-ਦੂਰ ਦੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਮੂਹ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਬੁਠੇ ਦੇਵਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਪਿਛੇ ਲੱਗਣ ਤੋਂ ਹਟ ਜਾਓ। ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਿਛੇ ਲੱਗੋ ਅਤੇ ਬਚ ਜਾਓ। ਮੈਂ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਹਾਂ। ਇੱਥੇ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਹੀ ਇੱਕੋ ਇੱਕ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਹਾਂ।</p> <p><b>Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read</b></p>	<p><b>यशायाह 45:22</b> Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</p> <p>22 हे हर कहीं के लोगों, तुम्हें इन झूठे देवताओं के पीछे चलना छोड़ देना चाहिये। तुम्हें मेरा अनुसरण करना चाहिये और सुरक्षित हो जाना चाहिये। मैं परमेश्वर हूँ। मुझ से अन्य कोई दूसरा परमेश्वर नहीं है। परमेश्वर केवल मैं ही हूँ।</p>
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## Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

### Other Verses About There Being Only One True God:

*Isaiah 36:18-20, Isaiah 37:16, Isaiah 37:19, Isaiah 41:4, Isaiah 42:17, Isaiah 43:12-13, Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 44:8, Isaiah 45:16-17 (Idol makers are put to shame), Isaiah 48:11-12*



And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
-John 17:3

## 2 – (GOSPEL) WHAT GOD DID: EVERYTHING

I Corinthians 15:1-4

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that **he was buried**, that **he was raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that **he appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then **he appeared** to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.”

According to I Corinthians 15:3-6, What 4 things do we see that Paul says are “of first importance” when it comes to understanding the good news of what Jesus did.

1 “Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins” (Verse 3)

2 “He was \_\_\_\_\_” (Verse 4)

3 “He was \_\_\_\_\_ on the third day (Verse 4)

4 “He \_\_\_\_\_ to” “Cephus”, “the twelve”, and “to more than five hundred”.

Jesus perfect life is good news to us who believe. You might say, ‘how in the world could Jesus death and resurrection be good news for me?’ Let’s look into what his death and resurrection has really done according to the following passages.



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-John 17:3

### Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Notice the “it” pronoun in verses 16 & 17. “It” is referring back to the gospel.

What does “it” (the gospel) have the power to do for everyone who believes according to verse 16?

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The gospel (Jesus) has the power to give salvation (freedom from sin, shame, and death as well as restored honor as Kingdom children). This is made possible for everyone who believes and trusts in Jesus.

How does this happen? Let’s keep digging.

In verse 17 what is revealed (shown) in “it” (the gospel)?

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Romans 1:17 says the righteousness of God is revealed. According to the definition of the word righteousness, there are 2 main aspects of the righteousness of God shown in the Bible.

1- God is righteous in his very nature and his moral character and is deserving of highest honor (respect). God is correct, perfect, and without sin. He is right all the time and never makes mistakes. “The Lord is righteous in all his ways” (Psalm 145:17), “a God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just (righteous) and upright is he” (Deuteronomy 32:4b). God has no record of wrongs, only righteousness.

2- God is righteous in his justice (fair judgment) and the punishment of sin. He gives what is fair and deserving of punishment to those who break his commandments. “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice” (Deuteronomy 32:4a). Hosea 4:9 “I will punish them for their ways and repay them for their deeds”, and Isaiah 3:11 says, “Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him, for what he deserves will be done to him”. Isaiah 13:1 says, “I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity”.

**We see that God’s righteousness is part of who he is, and what he does is always righteous including punishing sinners.**





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-John 17:3

## Righteousness

The Greek word righteousness (dikaiosune- adjective) means to be right, correct, pure, or perfect. It implies the greatest quality of something or someone. Notice this is an adjective. Adjectives describe nouns. God (the noun) is the primary character in the overarching story of the bible and righteousness describes God's moral character. Righteousness is the main theme of the book of Romans and is used in some form in every chapter. Righteousness in all its various positive and negative forms rooting from the Greek word (dike-deka) is used 59 times in the book of Romans. Righteousness (dikaiosune –adjective) is used 31 times in Romans out of 91 times in the whole New Testament. That means out of 1/3 of the New Testament this word righteousness is embedded in the book of Romans. The word righteous (dikaios- noun) is used 7 times, unrighteousness (adikia- noun) 6 times, unrighteous (adikos- adjective) 1 time, and the word Justified (dikiao) meaning “declared righteous” is used 14 times in Romans. This must mean that God wants us to know something about this aspect of his character and how understanding it can be good news.

### Romans 3:10-12

As it is written there is none righteous not even one. There is none who understands there is none who seeks for God. All have turned aside together they have become useless. There is none who does good, there is not even one. (NASB)

“There is none righteous, not even one”. We know that we have all fallen short of God's righteousness (perfection). We know now from seeing God's laws, that none of us are perfectly righteous because we can't be on our own. We have all at times rebelled against God and desired our own honor above his.

The standard that God requires for a relationship with him is righteousness. This is God's moral character engrossed in his entire character (his glory). The LORD is righteous in all his ways” (Psalm 145:17a), “and there is no unrighteousness in him” (Psalm 92:15b). As we established in the previous chapters since God is righteous and pure, he cannot be united to anyone who is not. That is where the gospel (good news) comes in.

### Romans 3:21&22

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

Notice it says, “now the righteousness of God has been manifested”. This righteousness that we could never attain or meet up to is now revealed to us. This righteousness is of God. This means we cannot get righteousness on our own, but God made a way to give it to us through Jesus. Righteousness is in God, of God, and from God and can be given to us. This is an amazing truth to understand the good news, God made it possible for us to be declared righteous (justified) in Jesus Christ.



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-John 17:3

### Romans 3:21-26

But now the **righteousness** of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the **righteousness** of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the **glory** of God, <sup>24</sup> and are **justified** by his grace as a gift, through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's **righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his **righteousness** at the present time, so that he might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

7 times in this passage we see a form of the word Righteous (GREEK- DIKAIOS). All 8 of these words in full understanding reveal what God did to save us, not what we do. Notice below, who is the one doing all the work of salvation and declaring (calling) one righteous? Fill the name or pronoun in the blank from the above passage.

1. "Righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_" (Verse 21)
2. "Righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_" (Verse 22)
3. "Justified \_\_\_\_\_ grace" (Verse 24)
4. "\_\_\_\_\_ grace as a gift" (Verse 24)
5. "Redemption that is in \_\_\_\_\_" (Verse 24)
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ put forward as a propitiation" (Verse 25)
7. "\_\_\_\_\_ righteousness" (Verse 25)
8. "\_\_\_\_\_ righteousness" (Verse 26)
9. "\_\_\_\_\_ might be just" (Verse 26)
10. "\_\_\_\_\_ might be....justifier" (Verse 26)



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Nine times in these five verses we see that God DID EVERYTHING necessary for restoring the relationship between us and him. As we can read in Romans chapters 2-4, there is nothing we can do to attain his perfect righteousness and keep the relationship. He is the one who has done EVERYTHING. This is truly GOOD NEWS.

### Romans 3:25

Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

In the beginning of Romans 3:25, What does it say that GOD DID?

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Romans 3:25 is talking about Jesus whom God “put forward as a propitiation”. This word **PROPITIATION** (Greek-hilasterion) means to appease, pacify, satisfy, atone (cover).

There are 3 ways in which Jesus was the PROPITIATION (SATISFACTION) for our sins:

- 1- **He SATISFIED God’s moral law.** Jesus did this by meeting the standard of God by being perfect and never sinning and substituting his perfect moral record on behalf of repentant sinners. Jesus has never dishonored his Father. He has never done anything shameful.
- 2- **He SATISFIED God’s justice.** Jesus did this by substituting his life for us and dying on the cross pay for our sins so that God could be just (right in punishing sinners). God has to punish sin to be a good judge. He was a good just judge and punished our sin, he just punished Jesus in the place of us.
- 3- **He SATISFIED God’s salvific nature.** Jesus did this by rising from the dead to prove his power of death so we could be justified (declared righteous and not guilty). The very nature of the glory of God is that he is the savior (Isaiah 43:11) and is by nature a justifier (one who declares right by substituting his life in our place).



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-John 17:3

## JESUS SATISFIED GOD'S LAW: God's moral character was lived out through Jesus

Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Referring to God put Jesus forward as the propitiation (satisfaction), we see in Romans 3:26 it says, GOD, DID this "to show his righteousness at the present time". Remember, back on page 20 We saw that God's righteousness has two aspects: 1- God is righteous in his MORAL CHARACTER, and 2- He is righteous in his JUSTICE (punishing sin).

We are focusing on the 1st aspect of the righteousness of God here which reveals:

God's Moral Character: God is righteous in his very nature and his moral character. God is correct, perfect, and without sin. He is right all the time and never makes mistakes. "The Lord is righteous in all his ways" (Psalm 145:17), "a God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just (righteous) and upright is he" (Deuteronomy 32:4b). God has no record of wrongs, only righteousness.

According to Romans 3:26, Jesus showed his "righteousness at the present time" by offering his perfect life as a substitution to SATISFY God's nature of being perfect in relationship within the Trinity. Jesus continued to satisfy that relationship and never deserved separation. Earlier we established that Jesus is the gospel (good news). Jesus is God the Son and is of the same nature as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. He is perfectly righteous.

Look up Colossians 1:15, and fill in the blanks:

"He (Jesus) is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the invisible \_\_\_\_\_".

Now look up Colossians 1:19 and fill in the blank:

"For in him (Jesus) all the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_ was pleased to dwell,".

In the above passages, it says that all of the fullness of God dwells (lives) in Jesus. Psalm 145:17 says, "The Lord is righteous in all his ways", and since Jesus is the Lord God, he is righteous. Hebrews 4:15 says that Jesus "in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without \_\_\_\_\_."



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-John 17:3

Jesus who is perfect is willing to substitute his righteous life to our spiritual account.

Fill in the blanks:

“For our sake he made him (Jesus) to be \_\_\_\_\_ who knew no \_\_\_\_\_, so that in him we might become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus “knew no sin” (2 Corinthians 5:21) and is perfectly righteous (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus was perfectly righteous his whole life on this earth and never did anything wrong. He kept the Standard God requires for relationships. Jesus has a perfect relationship with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit because he is righteous. He is willing to give us his righteous record so we can be in perfect relationship with the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).



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-John 17:3

### JESUS SATISFIED GOD'S JUSTICE (WRATH): Jesus died so that God could do right in punishing sin.

Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Referring to God putting Jesus forward as the propitiation (satisfaction), we see in Romans 3:26 it says, GOD DID this "to show his righteousness at the present time, SO THAT HE MIGHT BE JUST". Remember, back on page 24 We saw that God's righteousness has two aspects: 1- God is righteous in his MORAL CHARACTER, and 2- He is righteous in his JUSTICE (punishing sin).

We are focusing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> aspect of the righteousness of God here which reveals:

God is righteous in his justice (fair judgment) and the punishment of sin. He gives what is fair and deserving of punishment to those who break his commandments. "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice" (Deuteronomy 32:4a). Hosea 4:9 "I will punish them for their ways and repay them for their deeds", and Isaiah 3:11 says, "Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him, for what he deserves will be done to him". Isaiah 13:1 says, "I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity".

Look back at I Peter 3:18 which we saw at the beginning of the chapter. "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit." So, Jesus is described as the righteous (the perfect God/Man) dying for the sins of the unrighteous (all of us).

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

When 2 Corinthians 5:21 says "he knew no sin" it means he never did sin even though he was treated as though he did when he was nailed to the cross. We see Christ's death being substituted here in our place.



And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
-John 17:3

In 2 Corinthians 5:21 we see the greatest demonstration of love and grace demonstrated through the substitution of Jesus Christ in the place of sinners. Notice there is a double substitution that is taking place. He takes our place and we take his place.

- 1- "For our sake he made him (Jesus) to be sin". Jesus was substituting himself in our place and treated as a sinner. "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous," (1 Peter 3:18)

Unrighteous Sinner (Me)

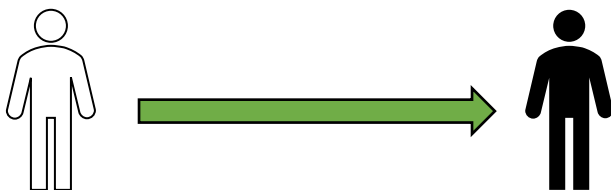
Righteous (Jesus)



- 2- So that "in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5:21). Jesus was substituting himself in our place so we could be treated as though we are righteous, "that he might bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18).

Me (Declared Righteous)

Jesus (Declared Guilty Sinner)





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-John 17:3

## The Curse is Lifted in Christ

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”.

What is the curse of the law that the above verse says Christ redeemed us from?

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Remember the curse of the law is death to “everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them” (Galatians 3:10). Death is separation from God physically and spiritually. Physically as we live on this earth, we are not completely absent from his Omnipresence (God’s Spirit around us) because of his mercy. God is holding back judgment for a time and “is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). God is patient and merciful (not giving what is deserved) to people to give them a chance to come to Jesus Christ in faith so that he might free them from the curse of spiritual separation from God. God loves us so much (John 3:16) and does not want people to be separated from him. In Ezekiel 18:32 God says, “For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.” See, God wants us to know him, so he withholds separating himself for a short time, to give us a chance to “turn and live”. However, after a time, his judgment will come and if a person does not come to Christ in faith, they will be separated from him eternally in the lake of fire, “away from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

According to Galatians 3:13, how did Jesus Christ redeem (free) us from the curse of the law?

What do you think it means that Jesus became a curse for us?

How do you think Jesus took the curse of death for us by hanging on a tree? Do you think this is talking about the cross?

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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let’s go back and review the above verse that we saw earlier. Remember, a wage is a payment someone gets for work they have done. Spiritually, the wage for sin is the curse of death. Since we are sinful we deserve death and separation from God, but praise God, he came to us through Jesus to receive the





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-John 17:3

payment we deserve and took our death. When Galatians 3:13 says Jesus “became a curse for us”, it means he was treated as if he was guilty of sin, even though he committed no sin and put the curse of death on himself. This is why it says in Galatians 3:13, “cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”. The normal death penalty for crimes committed in the Roman culture was being crucified on a cross (made out of a tree). The normal curse for the guilty was the death penalty. Jesus, even though he did nothing wrong, put himself under the curse and took death by the cross to take the wage or payment for our work of sin. That is why it says, “cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”. Out of Jesus' love for us, he chose to be treated as though he was a sinner, even though he was not. “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus was relationally separated from God the Father because of his willingness to be treated as though he were us so that he could take the punishment for our sin and so we could, in turn, receive his right honorable standing before God the Father. Remember, that death is separation from God. For Jesus to substitute himself for us and to take the wage we deserve then he had to be punished in our place. The punishment as we saw in Chapter 2 is being “away from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 1:9). In a sense, Jesus experienced Hell while he was on the cross. The overarching punishment of hell (aside from the torment of fire) is separation from God. The punishment Jesus received on the cross was not just the scourging, nails and thorns, it was the separation from God the Father on our behalf.

#### Mark 15:34

**And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

Jesus spoke the above statement after hanging on the cross for 6 hours. What do you think Jesus meant by his question? “Why have you forsaken me?”

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What do you think it means to be forsaken?

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In the original language forsaken is “egkatalipo” which means abandoned. For the first time in all of eternity, Jesus was separated and abandoned by God the Father. God has always existed in perfect relationship within the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit). The Father, Son, and Spirit have always been in a perfect relationship together. When Jesus stepped out of heaven and became a human being, he did so to restore our relationship with God. He planned this and chose to suffer for our sins. The only time we see in the scriptures during Jesus suffering on the cross that he “cried” is in this passage. The worst torment Jesus suffered for our sin was being separated from his father. Jesus was abandoned by his father because that is what we deserve. The pain and suffering that we deserve in Hell/Lake of Fire for our sin were poured out on Jesus on our behalf.

**God’s Justice was satisfied in Jesus death.** God poured out punishment for our sin on Jesus. Our sin does not go unpunished, it is just that Jesus received the punishment. God did this so he might be just.



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-John 17:3

## JESUS SATISFIED GOD'S SALVIFIC NATURE: He was raised for our justification

Romans 3:25&26

Whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's **righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his **righteousness** at the present time, so that he might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Referring to God putting Jesus forward as the propitiation (satisfaction), we see in Romans 3:26 it says, GOD, DID this "to show his righteousness at the present time so that he might be just, AND THE JUSTIFIER of the one who has faith in Jesus". God by nature is a savior and to extend salvation to others he must possess it himself. God is triune by nature (being) and if Jesus is still dead, then God could not continue to be salvation by nature and would lack to be in perfect relational union within his triune nature. Without Jesus, there is no salvation.

A justifier is someone who proclaims someone else right, not guilty, honorable and innocent. This is a term used in courtroom settings in which a judge has the power to declare someone innocent or guilty. Romans 3:26 is saying that God put Jesus forward as the propitiation (satisfaction) so that he could declare us right and forgiven because he was raised to life 3 days after he died on the cross.

Romans 4:24-25

"But for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and **raised for our justification.**"

What does the above verse say Jesus was raised for?

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Justification is the Greek word (*dikaiōsis*) which means the act of God declaring others righteous, not guilty and innocent before him. We could not be declared right with God if Jesus did not rise from the dead. Remember, at the beginning of this study we established that Jesus is the source of eternal life and that life itself is in Jesus. If Jesus did not rise from the dead then we cannot be justified before God and given eternal life.



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-John 17:3

### John 11:25&26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Jesus said that resurrection life is in himself. We cannot be saved to newness of life if he was not raised.

What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live”?

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Think about it this way: you cannot give something away that you don't have. If I promise to give you 1 million euros, but I do not have 1 million euros to give away, then I cannot give it to you. If Jesus did not raise to life and does not have eternal life himself, then how can Jesus give us eternal life and declare us righteous. Jesus' resurrection is fundamental to the Christian faith. If he did not rise from the dead, then we are still in our sins.

### I Corinthians 15:14-19

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope<sup>[b]</sup> in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.



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-John 17:3

### 3 – (GOSPEL) WHAT WE DO: TRUST GOD AND WHAT HE DID

Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God **through faith** in Jesus Christ for all who **believe**. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be **received by faith**. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith in Jesus**.

According to Romans 3:22 the righteousness of God comes through what?

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In Romans 3:22 it says the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ is for all who what?

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Notice the 2 different words, "faith" and "believe", used in the above passage. The righteousness that is given to a person who has saving faith in theological terms is called the IMPUTATION (transfer) of Christ's righteousness which is credited (given) to our spiritual account. Interestingly, the Holy Spirit uses these 2 different words (in verse 22) through the writer Paul that are very similar words. Let's look at what the words are, what they mean and why the Holy Spirit would choose to use these words in the same sentence to explain how a person receives the righteousness of God.

1- **Faith** (Greek- "pistis", feminine noun)- means substance, assurance, conviction. A noun is a person, place, thing, or idea. Faith is the "idea", understanding, and conviction of something. This noun form of faith is understanding and having full assurance something is true. It is the intellectual side of faith. **Faith (Greek- pistis)** in Romans 3:22 is the intellectual side of understanding the truth of Jesus and what he has done. We must believe Jesus is who the scriptures say he is and that what he did (died on the cross and rose again) was sufficient for us to be saved. This truth must be understood and believed. But intellectual faith is not complete and sufficient for saving faith if it is not united to belief (Greek- pisteuo). Many people confess to believe the facts about Jesus but are not trusting in his work for themselves. There is no personal trust and reliance upon Jesus, just knowledge about him. There is no repentance of sin and understanding personal sin leads to separation from God. This is why the scriptures use the different grammatical forms of these words to reveal the wholistic nature of saving faith.

2- **Believe** (Greek- "pisteuō", present active participle) – means to put trust in, commit to, rely and depend upon something continuously. The parsed form of this word which is a present active participle reveals that believe is to trust continuously and does not end. In a participle, you add "ing" to the verb and



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-John 17:3

then it makes it a continuous action that does not stop. A good translation of this word could be whoever is “believing”.

**Believe (Greek- pisteuo)** is the active form of **faith**. This kind of faith is an act of the will and choice. As we saw above the word "believe" translated from the Greek word “pisteuo” is a present active participle. The participle is what makes the verb continuous as well as presently active. As seen above this word could be translated as whoever is “believing” (trusting). Whoever chooses to trust Christ must continue to trust him. Wholistic truth of saving faith is that we must have both kinds of faith listed in Romans 3:22. If we have faith (pistis) and understand intellectually the truth of Jesus but are not believing (pisteuo) and trusting fully in the person and work of Jesus then we are just checking off factual knowledge. This intellectual kind of faith does not get Christ’s righteousness imputed to the sinner when left alone. It is just the same kind of faith that the demons have (James 2:19). The demons believe and know Jesus is real and that he is Lord. They were created by him and they served in him heaven before their fall, however, they are not repentant of their sins and personally trusting him for salvation. If you have "believing" (pisteuo) like faith but it is not grounded in faith (pistis- substance and understanding of truth) then it is just blind faith and will vanish when the darts of doubt and unbelief are thrown your way. This two-fold understanding of faith is why Romans 3:22 so clearly states “the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe”. Jesus' righteous life, death, and resurrection can be applied (credited) to our spiritual legal account and we can be **justified** “through faith in Jesus to all who believe”.

Throughout the scriptures when referring to **saving faith** we see these words used interchangeably to reveal the true nature of biblical saving faith. We can see from the Parable of the “Sower and the Seed” that the Holy Spirit revealed to each Gospel writer a different word to explain the good soil’s (good heart’s) response to the seed (Word of God). Each Gospel writer uses 3 different words to explain how the one who bore fruit received the seed.

Look at the chart below to compare how the good soil (good heart) responded to the Seed (Word of God) and what was its result: Response Chart: Sower Seed

Passage	Response	Result
Matt 13:23	“As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and <b>understands it.</b> ”	“He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”
Mark 4:20	“But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and <b>accept it.</b> ”	“And bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold”.
Luke 8:15	“As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, <b>hold it fast</b> in an honest and good heart,”	“And bear fruit with patience”.



And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
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When the Word of God falls on the heart of the one who “understands”, “accepts”, and will “hold it fast”, then saving faith has taken place and spiritual fruit will be the result of it. Notice how the Holy Spirit is revealing through Romans 3:22-26 and the Parables above that saving faith must consist of understanding the truth of Jesus and holding on to it (the action).

#### Romans 3:25&26

"whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:25 says that Jesus was the propitiation (satisfaction) by his blood. As we learned in the previous section on WHAT GOD DID, Jesus was “put forward” as a satisfaction in his perfect life, death, and resurrection which can be substituted for us.

In verse 25, how can this substitution be given to us? How can we receive this 3-fold aspect of God’s righteousness according to verse 25?

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God will be the justifier (one who declares righteous) of the person who (Romans 3:26)?

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**The one who has faith in Jesus is the one who is justified.**

**Have you put your trust in Jesus? If not, will you choose to trust him now?**

**“Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved”  
-Romans 10:9**



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### Ephesians 2:4&5, 8&9

4-But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,  
5-even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—  
by grace you have been saved.

8-For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9- not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

According to the above verse, God made those who were dead in “trespasses” (sins) alive with whom?

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By what are we saved according to Ephesians 2:5 & 8?

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Why did God save people from spiritual death to give them spiritual life?

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Fill in the blank in the verse below:

Ephesians 2:8 says, “For by grace you have been saved through (1)\_\_\_\_\_. And this is not your own (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It is the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ of God, not a result of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ so that no one may boast”.

- 1- Because of God’s grace (undeserved favor) we are saved “**through faith**”. Grace is getting something we don’t deserve. God gives us eternal life freely. This gift is given specifically through faith in the person of Jesus Christ and the work he completed in his death and resurrection to rescue us from our sin.
- 2- Salvation is “**not of your own doing**” (except have faith in Jesus), because, remember from Galatians 3, if it were, then we would have to do everything written in the book of the law and it is impossible to do so.
- 3- Being saved from sin and its curse (separation from God) is a “**gift of God**”. Salvation is a gift and God does not expect us to pay him back nor can we.
- 4- It is “**not a result of works**” or deeds that will save us because, again as in point 3, we could not do enough deeds. This shows we cannot “boast” (brag) that we did anything to lift God’s curse, but it was God’s grace through Jesus Christ that gives us new life and sets us free. When we put our trust in Jesus then the curse is lifted and we pass from death to life.

\*SEE MEMORY VERSE CHART AT THE END OF THE GO SECTION FOR MORE VERSES ON BELIEVE



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## VOCAB WORDS AND DEFINITIONS

**Accountable-** (Greek-hypodikos, adjective: describing someone) one who owes something, someone in debt (owing to a payment), owing debt deserving of punishment. Deserving of judgment, counted guilty.

**Curse (Cursed)-** (Greek-Katara) bad, unpleasant, terrible, frightening, an appointment to punishment. A judgment to ban (prohibit) or separate from the good and appoint to unpleasant evil. Ultimate curse of banishment to hell & the Lake of Fire forever and ever.

**Death-** (Greek-thanatos, noun) Separation, physical death-separation of soul/spirit and body from life on earth, spiritual death-relational separation from God and being absent from him spiritually with spiritual anguish and misery, eternal death- physical and spiritual separation from God which in Hell and the Lake of Fire forever and ever in never-ending torment and anguish under the wrath of God.

**Destruction-** (Greek-olethros, noun) ruin, destroy,

**Forsaken-** (Greek-egkataleipō, verb) Abandon, leave helpless, leave behind, separate from relationally.

**Gospel-** (Greek-euaggelion) Good news, glad tidings. Used to proclaim the birth of a prince or to announce a country's freedom from opposing rule or end of a war. Something that would be proclaimed all over that would be good news to all.

**Guilty-** (Greek-enochos, adjective: describing someone) liable, one who breaks a law or commandment, a wrongdoer, one deserving of punishment.

**Grace-** (Greek-charis) undeserved favor, kindness, a gift or benefit that was not earned or worked for.

**Iniquity, iniquities-** (Hebrew-avon, noun) guilt of sin, wrongdoing, depravity, fault, a commitment of a crime.

**Justified-** (Greek dikaioo, verb: present passive participle) something that has been done to us and is a continual state of being. Passive means we don't do this, it is being done to us by someone else) Declared righteous, proclaimed not guilty, to be called innocent or right. Used in a courtroom setting where a judge pronounces an accused criminal to not be guilty and freed from all judgment and punishment.

**Propitiation-** (Greek-hilasterion) Appease, pacify, satisfy, atone (cover). This word is used to describe God being satisfied with Jesus' perfect life, death (receiving the punishment for our sins and God's wrath was satisfied), and resurrection (Power of Life over Death). A sinner owes his life and Jesus substituted his life for our ours. God was satisfied that Jesus met the standard of being perfectly righteous and is willing to give his perfect record for us and to die to pay for what we deserve.

**Redeemed (Redemption)-** (Greek-apolytrois) Freedom from being bound, a payment for ransom (someone held captive), a release from prison or slavery due to someone paying for the captive and setting





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them free. This word is used as a slave being bought from a capture. Jesus paid the price of giving up his life to redeem from the curse of God's judgment.

**Righteous-** (Greek-dikaios, adjective: describing someone) perfect, just, upright (perfectly right all the time) obedient to the commands of God, innocent, not guilty, having no record of wrong doing) acceptable to God.

**Righteousness-** (Greek-Dikaiosyne, noun) 1-a state of being approved by God, acceptable to God, Identification of someone being correct. It is a state of being (Continuously right all the time), Guiltless. 2- The righteousness of God also includes his justice (judging guilty the unrighteous and giving a fair punishment to those who break his laws.

**Salvation-** (Greek-Soteria, noun)- deliverance, safety, being rescued. In the scripture's salvation is being rescued from the penalty (punishment), power and presence of sin and death.

**Sin-** (Greek-hamartia, noun) to miss the mark, to fall short of meeting the standard of righteousness, to miss or make a mistake, to disobey God's law, to error, to be unrighteous.

**Sinners-** (Greek-hamartolos, adjective: describing someone) Wicked, not free from sin, someone who misses the mark of God's standard of being righteous, someone who is guilty of sin.

**Unrighteous-** (Greek-Adikos, adjective: describing a person) sinful, not right, breaker of God's laws, doer of wrong

**Vengeance-** (Greek-ekdikesis, noun) retribution, giving what is deserved, punishment, giving justice (to give a fair and right penalty for sin or crime committed).

**Wages-** (Greek-opsonion, noun) a soldier's pay, allowance, payment given to someone for work they do. Getting something in return for something that you do. Minimum wage is the minimum payment someone receives for working at a job ( i.e. McDonald's or Burger King). The wage (payment) we deserve to get for doing bad works is death according to the bible.

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